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SUBJECT: NEW ORDER ANNOUNCED IN BOLIVIA

PRESIDENT BANZER TOOK OATH OF NEW CABINET EVEING OF
NOVEMBER 9. ONLY CHANGES INVOLVE ONE INTERNAL SHIFT AND TWO
NEWCOMERS TO REPLACE COLONEL PATINO AND COL AYOROA.
NAVAL CAPTAIN WALTER NUNEZ WAS SHIFTED FROM TRANSPORTATION
TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; JULIO TRIJO RODRIGUES,
A TECHNICAL ADVISOR IN THE PRESIDENCY, WAS MADE MINISTER
OF TRANSPORTATION; AND GENERAL VICTOR GONZALES FUENTES,
HEAD OF THE ARMED FORCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (COFADENA)
WAS MADE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

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IN ADDITON TO SEATING NW CABINET, PRESIDENT BANZER ANNOUNCED

INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS, RECESS OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, THE FORTHCOMING REORGANIZATION OF ALL WORKER, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, STUDENT, UNION, AND UNIVERSITY ENTITIES OR ASSOCIATIONS, THE FORTHCOMING REORGANIZATION OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, AND TOTAL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE ARMED FORCES UNTIL 1980.

ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRONT, BANZER DECREED THAT

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PRIVATE SECTOR IS OBLIGED TO REINVEST PROFITS, THAT ALL CITIZENS OVER 21 ARE SUBJECT TO OBLIGATORY CIVIL SERVICE; THAT THERE WILL BE ONLY SIX LEGAL NATIONAL HOLIDAYS PER YEAR; AND ANNOUNCED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

INCLUDED IN DECREE LAW 11947 WHICH COVERS MOST OF THE DISPOSITIONS ABOVE (FULL TEXT WILL BE SENT NOVEMBER 11), ARE STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE 1967 CONSTITUTION IS IN EFFECT EXCEPT IN THOSE AREAS WHERE IT IS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS DECREE LAW; AND THAT FREEDOM OF THE PRESS PREVAILS IN FULL FORCE. THE LATTER IS SOMEWHAT CONDITIONAL BY DECREE LA W 11949 WHICH IN ARTICLE 3 STATES IN PART THAT PUBLICATIONS OF A POLITICAL NATURE IN FAVOR OF PERSONS OR GROUPS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTIES DECLARED IN RECESS WILL BE SANCTIONED UNDER THE NATIONAL SECURITY LAW.

TEXTS OF DECREES, LOCAL REACTIONS AND POLITICAL ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW NOVEMBER 11.
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